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FOLLOWING REPEAT GENEVA 3397 ACTION SECSTATE MAY 05. QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 3397

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EO 11652: GDS TAGS: PLO

SUBJ: QUADUMMI INTEREST IN MEETING WITH SECY VANCE OR MEMBER OF

HIS PARTY

REF: GENEVA 3382

1. DURING MEETING BETWEEN MISSION OFFICER AND PLO REPRESENTATIVE DAOUD BARAKAT ON MAY 4, AT WHICH TIME INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL WAS OBTAINED, BARAKAT MENTIONED THAT THE HEAD OF THE PLO POLITICAL DEPT, QUADUMMI, WILL BE IN GENEVA DURING PERIOD WHEN SECY VANCE IS SCHEDULED TO BE HERE FOR MEETINGS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO.

2. BARAKAT ASKED IF EITHER SECY VANCE OR A MIDDLE-CONFIDENTIAL

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EASTERN EXPERT IN THE SECRETARY'S ENTOURAGE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HOLDING A DISCREET MEETING WITH QUADUMMI HERE IN GENEVA TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL CONCERN. THE MISSION OFFICER AGREED TO FORWARD THIS REQUEST; HE REFUSED TO SPECULATE ON POSSIBLE RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE BARAKAT MADE ABOVE

SUGGESTION WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. HE HAD BEEN QUITE COOPERATIVE AND FORTHCOMING IN PROVIDING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL; CONSIDERING PUBLICITY SURROUNDING BOTH PRESIDENT'S AND SECRETARY'S UPCOMING VISITS TO GENEVA, HE PROBABLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CONTACT WITH US OFFICIAL IN MULTILATERAL FORUM TO SUGGEST ONCE AGAIN THE BENEFIT OF DIRECT US CONTACT WITH HIGH-LEVEL PLO OFFICIALS ON BI-LATERAL BASIS. SORENSON UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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